

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The listed documents are of record in parent Application No. 09/488,931 and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for review of those documents. (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) and MPEP § 609.)

U.S. applications 08/901,109 and 08/902,324, also cited during the prosecution of the parent application, have issued as U.S. Patent Nos. 6,257,703 and 6,241,340, respectively. Copies of those patents are also enclosed.

The Examiner is requested to indicate that the cited information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portions of the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

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VERSION OF CLAIMS MARKED TO SHOW CHANGES

9. (Amended) An ink jet recording head provided with a recording
elemental substrate having a discharge port group for discharging ink, an electric wiring
substrate electrically connected with said recording elemental substrate, and a supporting
member for holding and fixing said recording elemental substrate and said electrical wiring
substrate, manufactured by a method comprising:
a step of injecting thermohardening filler into a filler retaining portion
communicating with a sealing area requiring sealing;
a step of filling the sealing area with the thermohardening filler injected into
the filler retaining portion by heating the filler to flow; and
a step of hardening the filled thermohardening filler.

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